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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON C. BLACKWELL  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Bob Jones III Correspondence

I would greatly appreciate your comments on the attached letter from Bob Jones III, responding to my correspondence to him of December 20, 1983, on your behalf.

Can we discuss?

Thank you.

/Attachment

FFF:kkk  
FFF:Fielding /JGR  
Subj.  
Chron.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1984

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing in reply to your letter of December 27, 1983. That letter was written in response to my own of December 20, in which I advised you that White House policy did not permit staff members to intervene on behalf of private parties concerning matters those parties have pending before agencies with adjudicative functions. Pursuant to this policy, I was compelled to decline your request that the White House intervene on behalf of Dr. Peter Ng with respect to his application before the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In your letter of December 27 you rejected the stated purpose of the White House policy -- to maintain public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws -- on the ground that "the American public has lost that confidence a long time ago." You also suggested that my letter was evidence of alleged Administration insensitivity to the interests of Fundamental Christians.

With respect, I cannot share your view that the American public has lost confidence in the impartial administration of our laws. In any event, even if the public has lost such confidence, it will hardly be restored by White House interference in the adjudicative responsibilities of agencies on behalf of those who are fortunate enough to secure the support of influential individuals such as yourself.

I must also object to your suggestion that my response to Dr. Ng's case reflects insensitivity to the interests of Fundamental Christians. The White House policy prohibiting intervention on behalf of private parties with respect to matters those parties have pending before agencies with adjudicative functions is applied in an even-handed fashion without regard to the beliefs or other characteristics of the individual involved.

Nor do I share your view that this Administration has been insensitive to the interests of Fundamental Christians. In my view, the Administration has done much to advance the interests of Fundamental Bible-believing Christians. That which has been done, incidentally, has not been done to gain political support from that group, but because it was right. By the same token, political considerations will not move us to do that which is not right.

I am sorry that you do not agree with us concerning the desirability of a policy that precludes White House interference in private matters pending before agencies with adjudicative responsibilities. I hope and trust, however, that you will view this disagreement for what it is, and not as evidence of broad insensitivity on the part of this Administration to the interests of Fundamental Christians.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Bob Jones III  
President, Bob Jones University  
Greenville, SC 29614

cc: The Honorable Strom Thurmond  
The Honorable Carroll Campbell

bcc: Morton C. Blackwell

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**BOB JONES University** GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29614

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

TELEPHONE (803) 242-5100

December 27, 1983

Mr. Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

One of the purposes for which the voluminous White House staff exists is for the providing of inquiry into abuses of the bureaucracy.

You protest that your policy forbids inquiry into the INS' harassment of Dr. Peter Ng in order to "maintain public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws." Mr. Fielding, you are not naive. You are aware that the American public has lost that confidence a long time ago. If I had not believed Dr. Ng was being abused by the INS I would not have written to the White House.

I am sorry that once again the White House has shown itself totally insensitive to the interests of Fundamental Christians who put Mr. Reagan there. Mr. Mondale could not have treated us with greater indifference and disdain than has Mr. Reagan whom we believed to be our friend.

If I had written to you about an alleged civil rights violation, I am sure you would have worn holes in your shoe leather trying to show interest and sensitivity in behalf of the minority group. The greatest human rights violations taking place in America at this hour are being directed against Fundamental Bible-believing Christians, and they are taking place by the bureaucracy under the Reagan Administration. Believe me, this has not gone unnoticed by that sizable voting block to whom Mr. Reagan owes so much.

Very truly yours,



Bob Jones III  
President

BJIII: mb

cc Senator Strom Thurmond  
Congressman Carroll A. Campbell

WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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- ☐ O - OUTGOING  
☐ H - INTERNAL  
☐ I - INCOMING  
Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 1 1 1

Name of Correspondent: Bob Jones III

☐ MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Follow-up on INS' harassment of Dr. Peter Ng

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action  
C - Comment/Recommendation  
D - Draft Response  
F - Furnish Fact Sheet  
E - To be used as Enclosure

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary  
R - Direct Reply w/Copy  
S - For Signature  
X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

- A - Answered  
B - Non-Special Referral  
C - Completed  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON C. BLACKWELL  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING (orig. signed by FFF)  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Dr. Peter Ng's Case Before  
U.S. Immigration

You forwarded to this office a letter you received from Bob Jones III, requesting the White House to intervene on behalf of a private party with an application pending before the INS. A copy of our reply to Jones is attached for your information.

Attachment

FFF:JGR:aea 12/20/83

cc: FFFielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

From Cover P.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1983

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of October 26, 1983 to Morton Blackwell has been referred to this office for consideration and response. In that letter and accompanying materials you outlined the circumstances surrounding Dr. Peter Ng's pending application before the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and requested that the White House intervene to help Dr. Ng.

I must advise you that established White House policy does not permit such intervention on behalf of private parties with respect to matters those parties have pending before agencies with adjudicative functions, such as INS. The purpose of this policy is to maintain public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws. Accordingly, we cannot intervene with the INS on Dr. Ng's behalf.

I hope you will understand the reasons for our policy. I am sorry that we cannot be more responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFE

Fred F. Fielding  
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